

## IN THE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED IN TERMS OF SECTION 2 (1) OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT AND SPECIAL TRIBUNALS ACT 74 OF 1996 (REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA)

Before the Honourable Modiba JP on 24 and 25 April 2023

Case no. FS01/2022

In the matter between:

**SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNIT** 

**Applicant** 

and

C SQUARED CONSUMER

CONNECTEDNESS (PTY) LIMITED First Respondent

K2013138175 (SOUTH AFRICA) (PTY) LIMITED Second Respondent

ECKO GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL

CONSULTING (PTY) LIMITED Third Respondent

MISTRALOG (PTY) LIMITED Fourth Respondent

PUBLIC PROTECTOR Fifth Respondent

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT Sixth Respondent

## ORDER IN RESPECT OF THE FOURTH RESPONDENT

HAVING READ AND CONSIDERED THE PAPERS FILED AND BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE FOURTH RESPONDENT, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The decision(s) to award and to enter into the following Covid-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) contract(s) (including any and all appointment letter(s), purchase order(s) and renewal(s), extension(s) and addenda to such contract(s)) (PPE contract(s)) by the Department of Transport (Department) is declared inconsistent with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Constitution) and invalid:
  - 1.1. The PPE contract(s) entered into with Mistralog (Pty) Limited (Mistralog) on 3 April 2020 under Purchase Order No. AI 236279 valued at R 1 368 000.00.
- The decision(s) to enter into the PPE contract(s) with Mistralog and the PPE contract(s) between the Department and Mistralog that resulted from such decision(s) are reviewed and set aside.
- 3. In terms of section 172(1)(b) of the Constitution, Mistralog is directed to repay the Department R 348 000.00, together with interest thereon, representing the profit made by Mistralog pursuant to the invalid contract(s), on the following terms:

- 3.1. Mistralog will pay the Department in 12 monthly instalments of not less than R 29 000.00 per month, with the first payment due within thirty (30) days from the date of this order.
- 3.2. The amount of R 348 000.00 will be subject to the interest rate prescribed under section 80(1)(b) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999) ("PFMA") as read with Regulation 11.5 of the Treasury Regulations (which is currently prescribed as a rate of 10,75% per annum –GN No. 1731 as published in Government Gazette No. 48402 dated 6 April 2023) from the date of this order until the date of final settlement.

4. There is no order as to costs.

JUDGE L.T. MODIBA
PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL
2 MAY 2023